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Method and apparatus for establishing a connectionFIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for establishing a connection in a telecommunication network, such as a mobile network.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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In recent years, multimedia telephone terminals which can be connected to fixed networks have been developed. These terminals provide real-time video, audio, or data, or any combination thereof, between two multimedia telephone terminals over a voice band network connection.

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Communication may be either one-way or two-way. A multipoint communication using a separate Multipoint Control Unit (MCU) among more than two terminals is also possible. Furthermore, the multimedia telephone terminals can be integrated into PCs or work stations, or can be stand-alone units.

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Interworking with such visual telephone systems on mobile radio networks is defined in the ITU-T video/multimedia recommendation H.324/M.

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However, in general, a calling party does not know in advance whether or not the terminal of a called party supports the connection type underlying a desired call.

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Thus, inconvenient error processings and disconnections may occur, if the terminal of the called party does not support the desired connection type, e.g. the multimedia connection.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a method and apparatus for establishing a
5 connection, by means of which error processings and disconnections due to a capability mismatch can be prevented.

This object is achieved by a method for establishing a
10 first type of connection in a telecommunication network, comprising the steps of:
performing a handshake processing with the other party of the first type of connection;
determining a second type of connection to another service;
15 checking the result of the handshake processing; and establishing the second type of connection, when the result of the checking step indicates that the handshake processing was not successful.

20 Furthermore, the above object is achieved by an apparatus for establishing a first type of connection in a telecommunication network, comprising:
negotiating means for performing a handshake processing with the other party of the first type of connection;
25 determining means for determining a second type of connection to another service;
checking means for checking the result of the handshake processing; and
connection control means for establishing one of the first
30 type of connection and the second type of connection in response to the checking result of the checking means.

Accordingly, a fallback solution is provided, wherein a fallback connection, i.e. the second type of connection, to

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another service is determined, such that a connection to another service, such as a speech service, can be established without disconnecting the calling party or performing a time-consuming error processing or messaging at the end terminals.

The first type of connection, which can be a multimedia connection, is established, when the result of checking indicates that the handshake processing was successful, i.e. that the other party supports the first type of connection.

Preferably, the handshake processing is an interworking processing which may be performed by an interworking function provided at a mobile switching center of a mobile network.

The first type of connection may be a video connection, and may be established between a mobile terminal of a mobile network and a network terminal of a fixed network.

The second type of connection can be determined on the basis of the handshake processing, or by performing another handshake processing with the other party. Alternatively, the second type of connection can be determined on the basis of the calling number of the other party. Moreover, the second type of connection may be determined on the basis of a predetermined priority order.

Initially, an HSCSD (High Speed Circuit Switched Data) call may be established to the other party. Then, the other party may reply by transmitting a request for the first type of connection.

Furthermore, the second type of connection can be established by performing a channel mode modification and changing the switching at a switching means.

- 5 Preferably, the apparatus for establishing the first type of connection is a mobile switching center, wherein the negotiating means corresponds to an interworking function provided at said mobile switching center.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the following, the present invention will be described in greater detail on the basis of a preferred embodiment
15 with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a principle block diagram of a mobile network connected to a fixed network 4,

- 20 Fig. 2 shows a principle block diagram of a mobile switching center according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 3 shows a flow diagram of a procedure for establishing
25 a mobile-originated multimedia connection according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, and

Fig. 4 shows a flow diagram of a procedure for establishing
30 a mobile-terminated multimedia connection according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

In the following, the present invention will be described on the basis of a preferred embodiment which relates to a multimedia connection between a fixed network 4 and a mobile network, as shown in Fig. 1.

According to Fig. 1, a multimedia end terminal (TE 5) is connected via the fixed network 4, such as a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) or the like, to a mobile terminal or mobile station (MS 1) having a multimedia capability. The MS 1 is radio-connected to a Base Station Subsystem (BSS) 2 which is connected to a Mobile Switching Center (MSC/IWF) 3 having an interworking function. The interworking function is provided for adapting protocol features of the mobile network to protocol features of the fixed network 4.

According to the present invention, the MSC/IWF 3 is arranged to determine an auxiliary connection or fallback connection which is established in case the other party does not support a multimedia call.

Fig. 2 shows a principle block diagram of the MSC/IWF 3 according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention. According to Fig. 2, the MSC/IWF 3 comprises a switch 31 for performing a switching operation between the BSS 2 and the fixed network 4, so as to establish a requested connection. The switching operation of the switch 31 is controlled by a connection control unit 34 arranged to control the setup and establishment of the switched connections.

Furthermore, the MSC/IWF 3 comprises an interworking function (IWF) 32 which provides an interoperation with multimedia end terminals, such as the TE 5, over the fixed network 4. It is arranged to perform a transcoding, an error processing adaptation and a rate matching between the mobile network and the fixed network 4. Furthermore, the IWF 32 performs the negotiation processing in order to set up a voice band channel to the fixed network 4.

According to the preferred embodiment, The IWF 32 is connected to a fallback control unit 33 which is arranged to check the result of the negotiation performed by the IWF 32 and to control the connection control unit 34, so as to establish one of a multimedia connection and a fallback connection in response to the checking result.

In the following, a processing performed by the MSC/IWF 3 in order to establish a mobile-originated multimedia connection is described with reference to Fig. 3.

Initially, the MS 1 requests a multimedia call, e.g. a H.324 call, and transmits a corresponding setup message to the MSC/IWF 3, which is received by the MSC/IWF 3 in step S101. The type of the requested call may be indicated in the BCIE information element of the setup message.

Based on the received setup message, the MSC/IWF 3 or the IWF 3 checks the multimedia call, and the IWF 32 reserves the required interworking function resources and to start a handshake or negotiation processing with the fixed network 4 in order to set up the multimedia connection to the called party, e.g. the TE 5 (step S102). In particular, the negotiation processing may be a ITU-T V.8, V.8bis or V.140 procedure or the like.

Then, the fallback control unit 33 checks in step S103 whether the negotiation performed by the IWF 32 was successful, or not.

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In case the fallback control unit 33 determines in step S103 that the negotiation was successful, it controls the connection control unit 34, so as to connect the multimedia call via the switch 31 (step S104). Thus, a connection such
10 as a modem or UDI (Unrestricted Digital Information) connection is established between the IWF 32 and the called party, e.g. the TE 5.

If the fallback control unit 33 determines in step S103
15 that the negotiation was not successful, i.e. that the called party does not support the multimedia call, it triggers a fallback to another type of connection (step S105). The other type of connection may be determined on the basis of the negotiation performed by the IWF 32, or on
20 the basis of an additional negotiation of the IWF 32, or on the basis of a default setting (e.g. fallback service such as speech), initiated by the fallback control unit 33.

Subsequently, the connection control unit 34 is controlled
25 to perform a fallback procedure to change the actual call to another service, i.e. to switch the connection between the MS 1 and the MSC/IWF 3 to another service such as a speech service (step S106). This may be achieved by a channel mode modification of the channel between the MS 1
30 and the MSC/IWF 3, and a corresponding release of resources of the IWF 32, followed by a change of the switching performed by the switch 31 in the MSC/IWF 3. Finally, the call is connected via the fallback connection (step S107), such that the MS 1 is connected to an auxiliary or fallback

service without disconnecting it or performing a time-consuming error processing or messaging.

In the following, an establishment of a mobile-terminated multimedia connection is described with reference to Fig. 4.

Initially, a setup message, e.g. an Initial Address Message (IAM) is received by the MSC/IWF 3 from a multimedia terminal, e.g. the TE 5, of the fixed network 4 (step S201). Based on the received initial address message and a subscriber related service information possibly stored in the Home Location Register (HLR) of the mobile network, the MSC/IWF 3 or the IWF 32 checks the multimedia call and the MSC/IWF 3 transmits a call setup message to the MS 1 via the BSS 2 (step S202). In particular, the call may be first established as a HSCSD (High Speed Circuit Switched Data) call, in order to provide a fast setup processing.

The setup message from the MSC/IWF 3 to the MS 1 may not contain a service definition at all, e.g. in case where a single numbering scheme is used and the setup message from the fixed network 4 does not contain any service definition.

Then, the MS 1 replies by transmitting a request message for a multimedia call, e.g. a H.324 call, wherein the requested call type may depend on the received calling number. Then, the MSC/IWF 3 receives the request message for the multimedia call in step S203 and controls the IWF 32, so as to reserve the corresponding interworking function resources, and to start a corresponding handshake or negotiation processing, e.g. V.8, V.8bis or V.140

negotiation, with the called party of the fixed network 4 (step S204).

Then, the fallback control unit 33 checks whether the
5 negotiation performed by the IWF 32 was successful, or not (step S205). In case the negotiation was successful, the fallback control unit 33 controls the connection control unit 34 so as to establish a multimedia connection via the switch 31 to the called party.

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If the fallback control unit 33 determines that the negotiation was not successful, it triggers a fallback connection to another type of connection supported by the called party (step S207). The fallback connection is
15 determined based on the dialled number of the called party or may be obtained as described in connection with the mobile-originated connection establishing according to Fig. 3.

20 Based on the determined fallback connection, the connection control unit 34 performs a fallback procedure in step S208, in order to change the call to another service corresponding to the fallback connection. Finally, the call is connected to the fallback connection (step S209) and the
25 mobile-terminated call is established without any disconnection or error processing at the respective end terminals.

It is to be noted, that the processing performed by the
30 MSC/IWF 3 may be implemented by a control program of a microprocessor such as a CPU, wherein the respective blocks 33 and 34 are replaced by corresponding software features provided in a ROM allocated to the CPU.

Furthermore, the connection establishment processing described in the above preferred embodiment can be performed in any telecommunication network to which terminals supporting different types of connections are
5 connected, and is not restricted to a mobile switching center of a mobile network.

Furthermore, the determination of the fallback connection may be performed by a combination of the above described
10 possibilities, and a predetermined priority order may be allocated in case a plurality of fallback connections are determined.

The above description of the preferred embodiment and the
15 accompanying drawings are only intended to illustrate the present invention. The preferred embodiment of the invention may vary within the scope of the attached claims.

In summary, the present invention relates to a method and
20 apparatus for establishing a first type of connection, wherein a handshake processing is performed with the other party of the first type of connection. If the handshake processing is successful, the first type of connection is established. If the handshake processing is not successful,
25 i.e. the other party does not support the first type of connection, a fallback procedure is started to change the call to a second type of connection determined during the connection establishment. Thereby, inconvenient disconnections or error processings at the end terminals
30 can be prevented.

Claims

1. A method for establishing a first type of connection in a telecommunication network, comprising the steps of:
 - 5 a) performing a handshake processing with the other party of said first type of connection;
 - b) determining a second type of connection to another service;
 - c) checking the result of said handshake processing; and
 - 10 d) establishing said second type of connection, when said result of said checking step indicates that said handshake processing was not successful.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said first type
15 of connection is a multimedia connection.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said second type of connection is a speech connection.
- 20 4. A method according to anyone of claims 1 to 3, further comprising the step of establishing said first type of connection, when said result of said checking step indicates that said handshake processing was successful.
- 25 5. A method according to anyone of claims 1 to 4, wherein said first type of connection is a video connection.
6. A method according to anyone of claims 1 to 5, wherein said handshake processing is an interworking processing.
- 30 7. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said first type of connection is a connection between a mobile terminal (1) and a network terminal (5) of a fixed network (4).

8. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said second type of connection is determined on the basis of said handshake processing.

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9. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said second type of connection is determined by performing another handshake processing with said called party.

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10. A method according to anyone of claims 1 to 7, wherein said second type of connection is determined on the basis of the calling number of said called party.

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11. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said second type of connection is determined on the basis of a predetermined priority order.

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12. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said first type of connection is compliant with the ITU-T Recommendation H.324.

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13. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said second type of connection is established by performing a channel mode modification and changing switching.

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14. A method according to anyone of the preceding claims, further comprising the step of establishing a HSCSD call to said other party.

15. An apparatus for establishing a first type of connection in a telecommunication network, comprising:

- a) negotiating means (32) for performing a handshake processing with the other party of said first type of connection;
- b) determining means (33) for determining a second type of connection to another service;
- c) checking means (33) for checking the result of said handshake processing; and
- d) connection control means (34) for establishing one of said first type of connection and said second type of connection in response to the checking result of said checking means (33).

16. An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said first type of connection is a multimedia connection.

17. An apparatus according to claim 15 or 16, wherein said second type of connection is a speech connection.

18. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 17, wherein said apparatus is a mobile switching center (3).

19. An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said mobile switching center (3) is arranged to check said first type of connection.

20. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 19, wherein said negotiation means is an interworking function (32).

21. An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said interworking function (32) is arranged to check said first type of connection.

22. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 21, wherein said determining means (33) is arranged to determine said second type of connection on the basis of an information obtained from said handshake processing.

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23. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 22, wherein said determining means (33) is arranged to determine said second type of connection by performing another handshake processing with said called party.

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24. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 21, wherein said determining means (33) is arranged to determine said second type of connection on the basis of the calling number of said called party.

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25. An apparatus according to anyone of claims 15 to 24, wherein said determining means (33) is arranged to determine said second type of connection on the basis of a predetermined priority order.

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Abstract

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for establishing a first type of connection, wherein a handshake processing is performed with the other party of the first type of connection. If the handshake processing is successful, the first type of connection is established. If the handshake processing is not successful, i.e. the other party does not support the first type of connection, a fallback procedure is started to change the call to a second type of connection determined during the connection establishment. Thereby, inconvenient disconnections or error processings at the end terminals can be prevented.

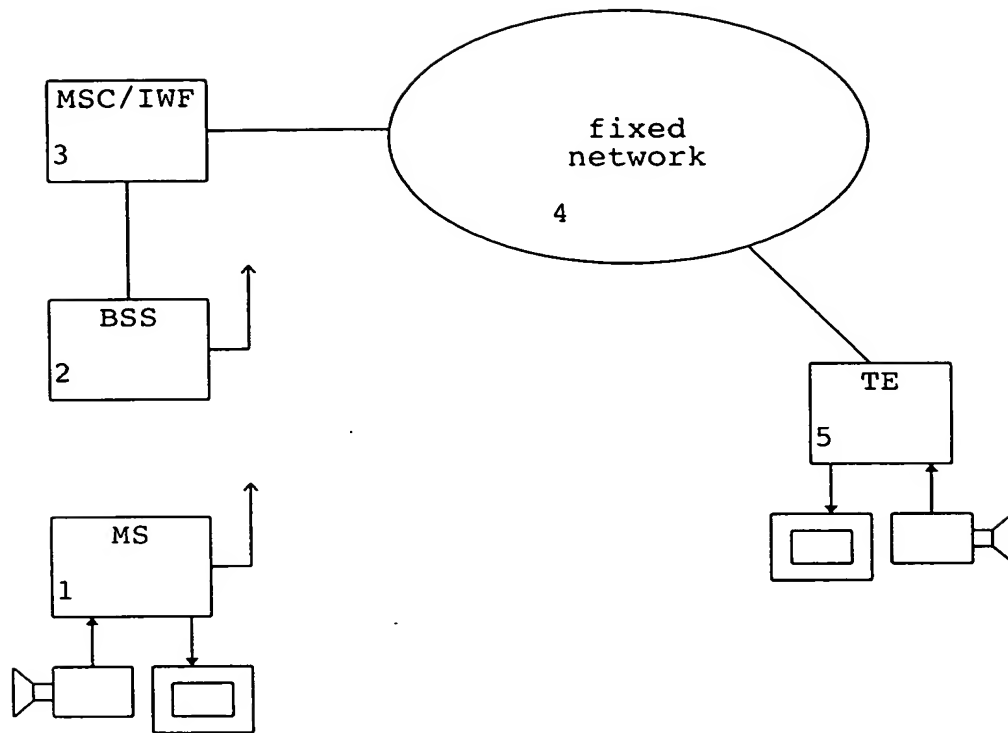


Fig. 1

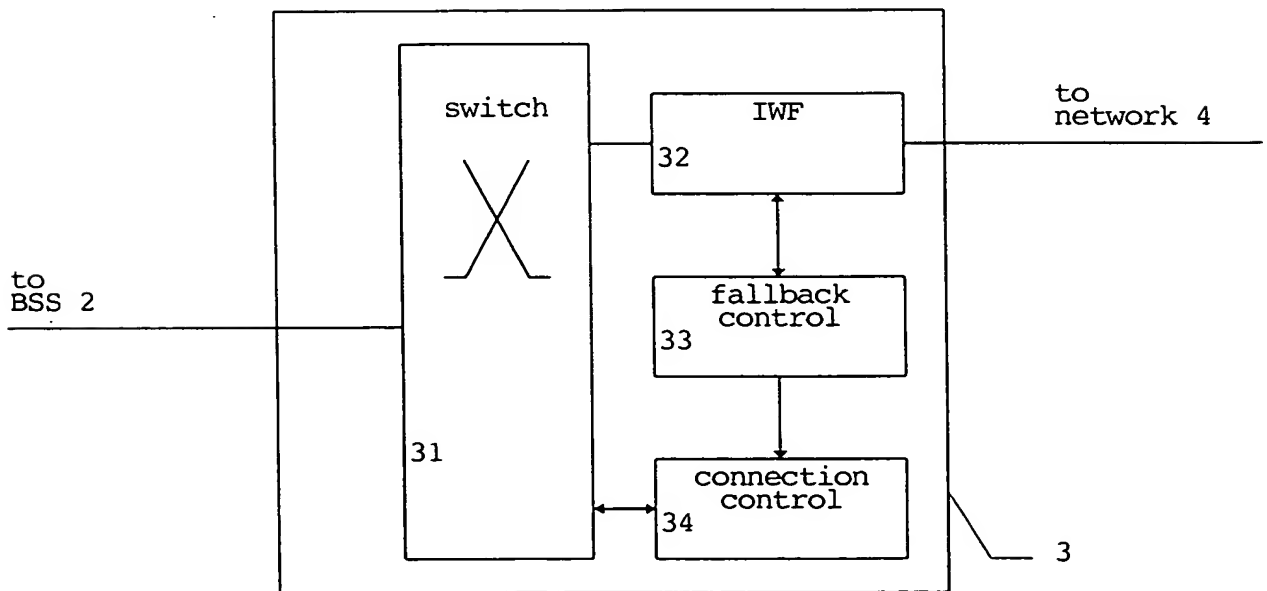
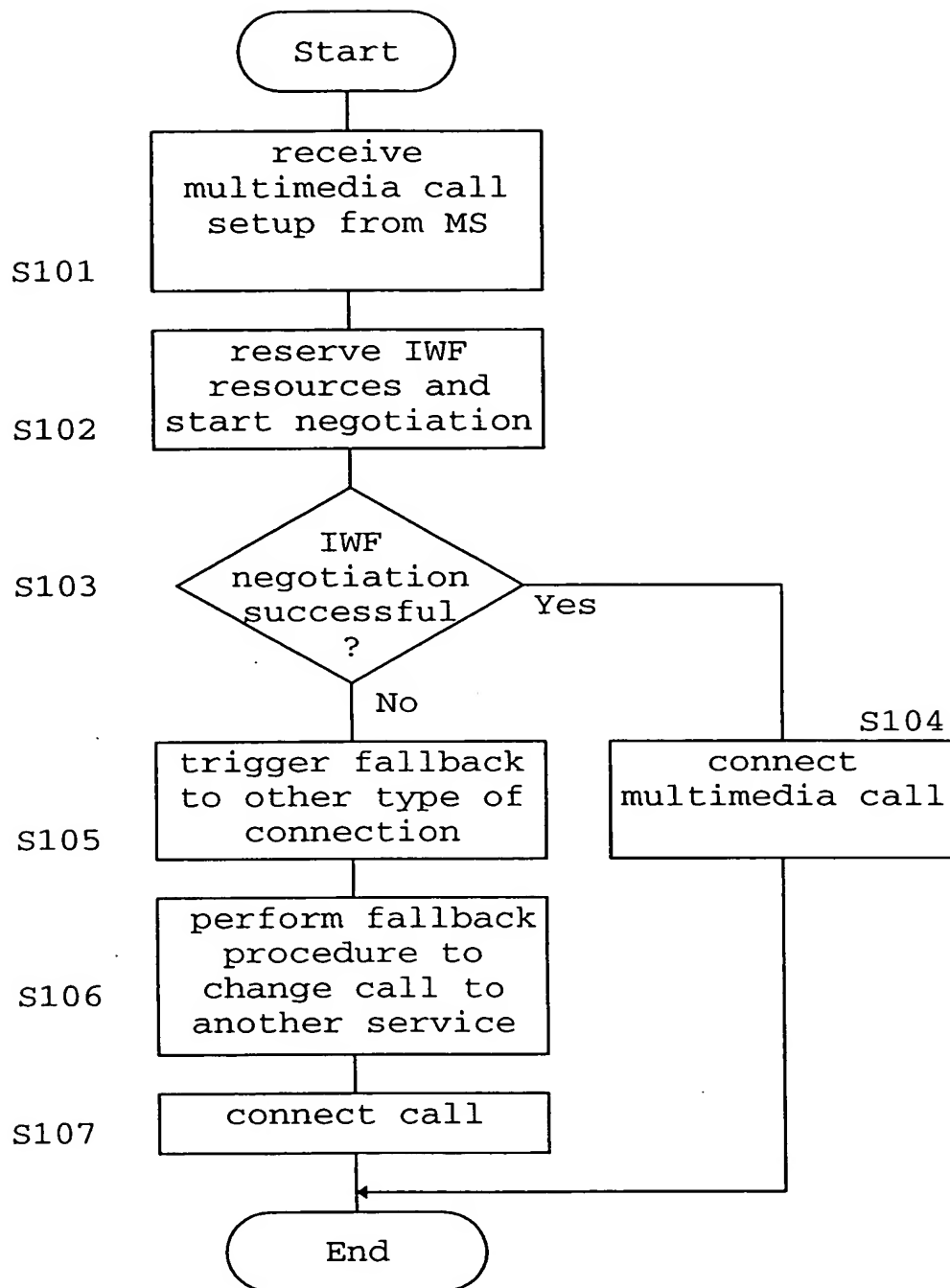
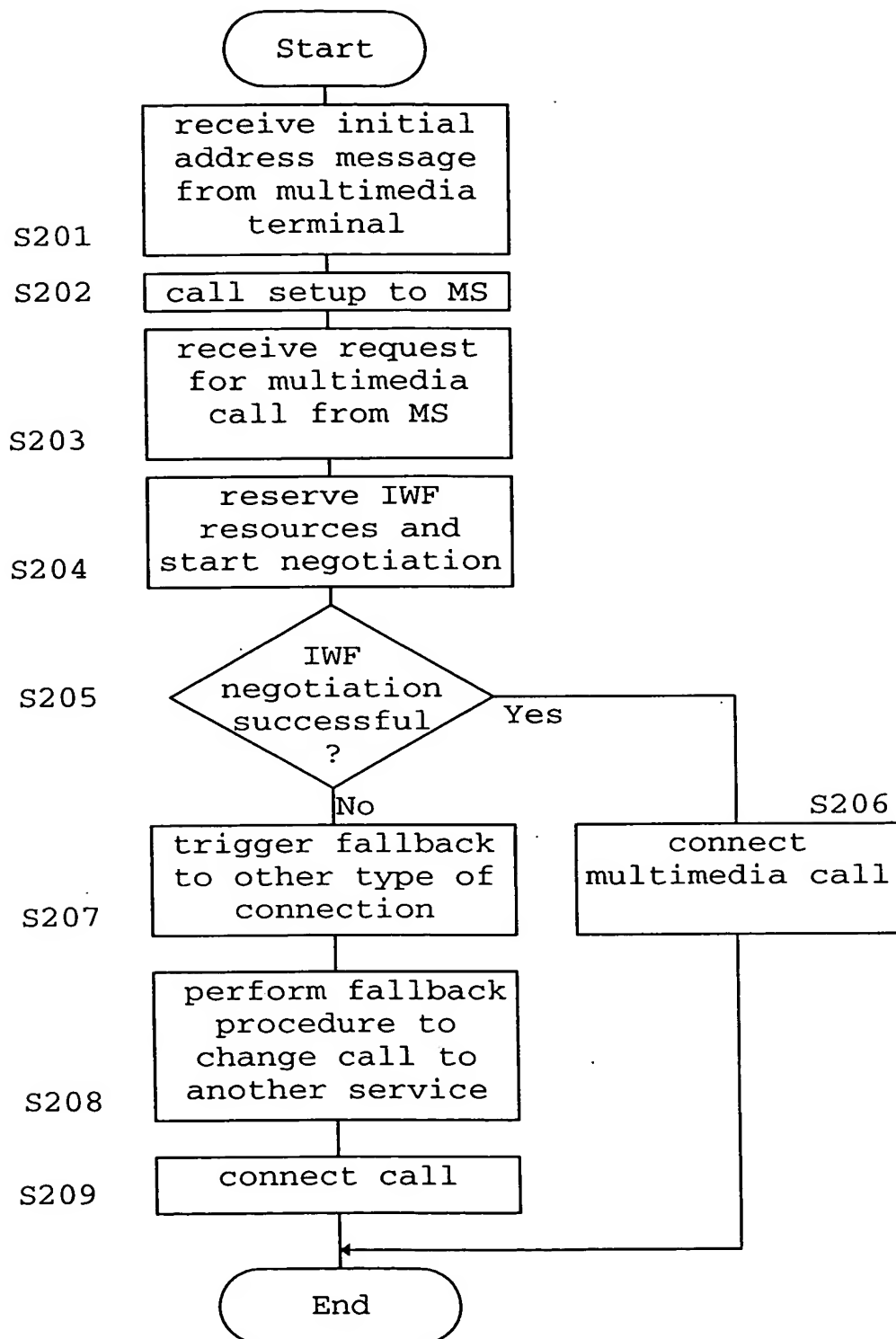


Fig. 2

**Fig. 3**

**Fig. 4**